

"raise a sum of Money to incurrage our proportion of Men voluntarily to engage in the Service until the last day of Nov. next."

A committee was appointed to get twelve men either from this town or elsewhere as cheaply as they could. They had much trouble and it took eight men on the committee to procure twelve soldiers, and that only at excessive cost. But the men had to be furnished. There were some opposers to the patriot cause in this community, for the town clerk was allowed "to draw out a sum of money from the treasury to carry on a Process against those persons of the town who are esteemed inimical * to these States." The soldiers to reinforce the Northern army went, and the following is the diary of one of them :—

DIARY OF AMBROSE BATES.

(The Campaign against General Burgoyne which ended in his surrender at Saratoga, N. Y.).

Cohasset August the 27th day 1777.
 that night stopt in Hingham.
 the 28 day that night stopt in Roksbury.
 the 29 day that night stopt in Sutbury:
 the 30 day that night stopt in Suseburry.
 the 31 day night Spenser.
 Sep stopt in ware town.
 the 2 day that night stopt in hadlay.
 the 3 day that night stopt in North hamton.

Several pages are missing here. They may have recounted the incidents of a march to Lake Champlain for the purpose of cutting off the supplies of Burgoyne. At any rate, Gen. Benjamin Lincoln's strong force of militia pressed down upon Burgoyne from the North, while the army of General Gates pressed from the South. The diary continues after twenty-five days:—

* See note on p. 285 about Dr. Lazarus Beal.

Sep 28 and had orders to march and man the lines. we marched to headquarters and then marched back to our own quarters and had orders to march to H. Q. with baggage by the break of day.

the 29 we marched to head Qu by the Gun firing. then marched to sum Bush Tents and there to stay till further orders and was to turn out to larrumpost at 4. o'clock in the morning and at role call at the Gun firing at night.

the 30. this morning we turned to Larrumpost and turned sum men for picket.

October the 1. 1777 Nothing new today.

October the 2. last night we took 1 British fifer.

October the 3. we took 65 prisners and 40 head of cattle.

October the 4. nothing new today, only we were alarmed with a skouting party of the British.

October the 5. nothing new today.

October the 6. today there came in 12 Hessians. and we was alarmed and marched to the larrumpost and back again.

October the 7. 1777 today we had a fight we were alarmed about noon and the fight begun,

the sun two hours high at night and we drove them and took field pieces and took sum prisners

October the 8. 1777 today our people marched off down to the enemys lines and then towards Serretoge and then came in a major Hession and 80 with him.

October the 9. 1777 today the enemy left their lines and sick and wounded and 200 barrels of flour and are retreating.

the 10. today we took 1000 Pork and 2 pieces of Cannon and some prisoners.

the 11 day today we took 50 prisoners and got most round Burguine.

the 12 day today we took 50 deserters and have got all round Burguines army.

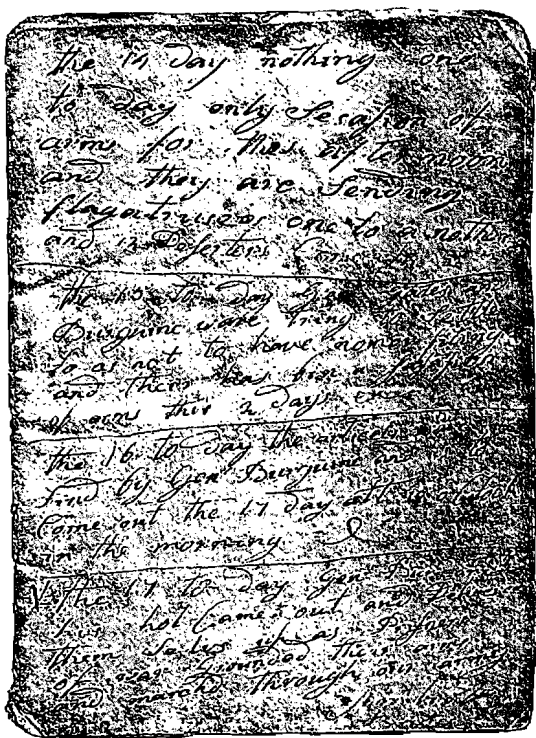
the 13 day today we took 30 prisoners and had 10 or 20 deserters.

the 14 day nothing done today only cessation of arms for this afternoon and they are sending flagatruces one to another and 12 deserters came in.

the 15 today Gen. Gates and Burguine were trying to settle so

as not to have no more fighting and there has been a cessation of arms for 2 days.

the 16 today the articles were signed by Gen. Burguine and is to come out the 17 day at 10 o'clock in the morning.



A LEAF FROM THE DIARY OF AMBROSE BATES, ONE OF OUR COMASSET
REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS, TELLING OF BURGOYNE'S SURRENDER
AT SARATOGA, N. Y., OCTOBER 17, 1777.
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the 17 today Gen. Burguine and his whole army came out and delivered themselves up as prisoners of war, grounded their arms and marched through our army.

AMBROSE BATES

the 18 day today the prisoners marched for Boston. the number near as I can hear is 5545

the 19 today all peace and quietness.

the 20 today we marched to Half moon 15 miles

the 21 today we marched to Albany 12 miles, and it was a very smart snow storm.

the 22 day nothing new today.

the 23 day today we had orders to march down the river.

the 24 day we went down the river miles to Greenbush.

the 25 day we went down the river to Cononburg 16 miles and there staid 1 day in tent

the 27 today we went down the river to Catskill 10 miles and there staid the 28 & 29

the 30 day went down the river to West Camp 12 miles

the 31 day we went down the river to Esopus 12 miles

November the 1 day 1777 today we went down to fort patten 9 miles.

November the 2. 1777 today went down the river to New Winsor 21 miles.

November the 3. day 1777 today we went back to Newberg 2 miles.

Newberg. Nov. the 4 day. nothing new today.

5 today we went down the river to Peekskill 25 miles

the 6 day nothing new today. Cap of the sloop with 200 barrels of flour.

the 7 day today we went down the river to Tarrytown 25 miles.

Tarrytown Camp. November the 8 day 1777 Nothing new today

the 9 day nothing new today.

the 10 day nothing new today.

the 11 day nothing new today.

the 12 day today we marched to White Plains 8 miles

the 12 day today there came in 10 tory deserters.

the 13 day today there came in 5 regular deserters

the 14 day nothing new today.

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November the 15, 1777 nothing new today.

the 16 day nothing new today came in one deserter

the 17 day, the regiment brigade was alarmed

the 17 day nothing today.

the 18 day today the brigade was alarmed by a scouting party of the Regulars which landed below Tarrytown and burnt some houses and some barns and carried off 2 horses and some men.

the 19 day nothing new today.

Tarrytown Camp, November the 20 day 1777 Nothing new today.

the 21 day today there was alarmed and a 'achment of 300 men out of the brigade were sent down to Tarrytown and there was nothing there: so we drawed a gill of rum and came back again

the 22 day nothing new today.

the 23 day nothing new today.

the 24 day nothing new today.

Tarrytown Camp November the 25 day. nothing new today.

the 26 day nothing new today.

the 27 day today the brigade was alarmed and marched down towards Kings Bridge and then marched back to New Rochelle and there staid till the 29 day.

November the 30 day, Captain Manner's Camp. today our times are out and we march for home.

December the 7 day we arrived home.

End of Journal.

The joyful news of Burgoyne's surrender reached Cohasset much earlier than her soldiers returned, but on both occasions there was no little happiness here. The success of the American cause seemed now assured, and it was confidently expected that within another three years the soldiers of King George would all be driven from our land. A new call for Continental soldiers was therefore issued for a service of three years, or till the end of the war. When Burgoyne's prison army came to Cambridge, our town had to furnish its share of soldiers to keep guard of the captives, so the town records say. First, six men were